Release Reporting Advisory Committee, Reporting Requirements and Models Workgroup, December 4, 2007 Meeting



Release Reporting Advisory Committee Reporting Requirements and Models Workgroup December 4, 2007 Meeting Conference Call – 1:30 pm

Summary of Meeting Notes – DRAFT

The following members participated in the conference call on December 4, 2007: Peter Zack, Dean Applefield, Bob Deptula, Patrick Geier, Paula Hamel, Pat Horgan, Anne Peters, Carol Violette

New Member joining conference call - Mike Postle.

The conference call commenced at 1:30 pm and ended at 3:30 pm

Agenda Item 1 - Discussion on findings of the State and federal models including reporting forms.

The following members presented information – Florida model – Peter Zack, Massachusetts model – Paula Hamel, Michigan model – Carol Violette, New Hampshire model – Pat Horgan, New Jersey model – Patrick Geier, New York model – Dean Applefield, Pennsylvania model – Patrick Geier and Ann Peters discussed the federal reporting requirements.

Members expressed that the federal RQs develop by the federal government to establish broad federal authority to deal with releases of threats of hazardous substances was not going to meet interest and priorities at the State level. The purpose of the federal notification is to ensure that releasers notify the government so that the government can assess the need to respond to the release. It was also stated that the federal reporting requirements were based on what the federal government was interest in and not what was protective of the environment or public health.

Agenda Item 2 - Next Meeting Agenda items

Discussion took place regarding the charge and goal of the workgroup. It was decided that the main charge of the workgroup was to recommended State and federal models and not to dissect individual features of each model or the Advisory Committee.

The workgroup recommended two models, Michigan and Massachusetts, for further investigation and comparison with the 1994 draft regulations.